

Cedar River Anadromous Fish Committee

Summary Minutes

April 20, 2006

Meeting Time 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Meeting Location:

Metering Building, Second Floor Conference Room

SPU Operations Control Center

2700 Airport Way South

Seattle, WA

Members and Alternates Present: Bruce Bachen (SPU), Phyllis Meyers (NMFS), Steve Foley (WDFW), Tim Romanski (USFWS) via telephone, Roger Tabor (USFWS), Dennis Moore (MIT), Frank Urabeck (Fish Advocate), Chuck Wischman and Bill McKay (PSA), Bill Robinson (Public), Hans Berge (KC)

Other Participants: Brodie Antipa, Anne Marshall, and Joan Thomas, (WDFW) Paul Faulds (SPU)

Public: *None*

Call to order

Bruce B. called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved after adding WRIA update under information and discussion items.

Meeting minutes review and approval from March 16, 2006

Members unanimously approved the meeting minutes after a minor change recommended by Frank U.

Interim mitigation program for coho, chinook, and steelhead

Status of proposed trout population study in 2006

Steve F. noted that the science group in WDFW was putting together a proposal for the trout study. The science group is trying to set up a meeting on May 19th with WDFW, Hans Berge and Roger Tabor to discuss how to fit together work they are doing on the Cedar River.

O. mykiss genetics draft final report

Anne Marshall provided members with a PowerPoint presentation of the final results from the study Genetic relationships among resident and anadromous O. mykiss in Cedar River. This project was funded by Seattle Public Utilities and the work was completed by the WDFW Genetics Lab. One of the goals of the study was to determine the genetic population structure of Cedar River resident and anadromous O. mykiss in order to develop effective steelhead conservation and recovery strategies.

Development of comments on report

The AFC agreed to provide comments to Anne M. in two weeks (by May 1st). They planned on send the comments directly to Anne.

RFP process and timeline for 2007

The AFC agreed the RFP deadline should be September and we should put out the RFP in June. Phyllis M. said that what Matt and others would like to see projects that would improve habitat in the Cedar River.

Sockeye Mitigation

Water supply improvements

Bruce B. said SPU just received the final permit for improving the interim hatchery water supply. Bill R. asked how long it will take to complete the work. Bruce B. replied it could take 2006 and part of 2007. He noted all work on the springs was limited to June 15 – September 13 (the fish window).

Smolt sampling in 2006

Bruce B. noted that SPU has been discussing smolt sampling in Lake Union with Dave Seiler. Historically the work has been done off the Gas Works Park over a 4 week period. Bruce B. felt that this year we could use some of the sockeye monitoring funds for the work but this is not a long term solution.

Information and discussion items

Cedar River counts

Steve F. reported the river float on Tuesday put the cumulative count for trout redds at 55 and steelhead redds at 2.

Landsburg fish passage counts

Paul F. reported that counts at the fish ladder in passive mode from 1/25/06 to 4/10/06 showed 139 trout and 5 presumptive steelhead passed above the Landsburg Dam. In addition, in early in 2006 3 coho and 5 other fish that could not be identified passed above the dam. The 5 undecided could have been coho based on their length and the time of year.

Hatchery update

Brodie A. reported the hatchery released 6,593,000 fry the lowest hatchery release since 1999. Joan T. stated the very last release group (65,000) had IHN. The lot was destroyed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM